

CAPTAIN AND MEN FINED.

Charged with Stealing Nets at Bay of Islands.

Complainants Compensated by One Third of the Fines.

A despatch from St. John's N. F., states that Capt. Smith and three of the crew of the sch. Colonial of this port were tried at Bay of Islands, N. F., on the charge of stealing nets belonging to Newfoundland vessels and fined \$75 each. One third of the amount collected was turned over to the owners of the nets to compensate them for their loss.

It is thought here that probably the men were fined for underrunning nets belonging to some natives fishing for some other vessel, instead of being fined for stealing nets.

SCH TALISMAN DISABLED.

Arrived at Halifax Yesterday With Sails Torn.

Sch. Talisman, Capt. Charles Doucette, of this port, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a fare of salt herring, put into Halifax yesterday with some of her sails torn. She will repair the damage and proceed.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Eva Avina, shore.
Sloop Diana, shore.
Sloop Laura Enos, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

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Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.62 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$1.75 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Eastern "hallbut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.

Salt dory handline bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.

Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 11 1-2 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Steamer Spray, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod, 200 pollock.

Sch. Hobo, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 5000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 4300 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 3200 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Ralph Russell, 14,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$3.50; pollock, \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Brunhilde, formerly of this port, was at Canso on Tuesday.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson was at Shelburne, N. S., on Tuesday.

STEAM TRAWL FLEET.

France To Have Forty Such Craft Off Grand Bank.

French Fishermen Ask Gloucester To Make Protest.

A fleet of 40 steam trawlers is about to compete with the sailing fleet on the fishing grounds on the Newfoundland banks on this side of the Atlantic, and off the Flemish Cap on the other side, according to advices received from St. Malo, France.

A letter signed by fish merchants of St. Malo and other French ports, who have been sending a large number of sailing vessels to the banks each season for many years, states that the steam fleet will be fitted out at Dunkirk, La Rochelle and probably one other French port. It is said that the steam fleet will use St. Pierre, Miq., as a base of operations on this side of the ocean.

The French fishermen ask the fish merchants of Lunenburg, N. S., to join with them in a protest to the British and French governments against the introduction of the steam trawlers, on the ground that they would be perilous to the sailing fleet in foggy weather, and would destroy the trawls of the schooners by cruising among them. The St. Malo merchants are addressing a similar letter to the Gloucester vessel owners, asking them to try to secure the intervention of the United States government.

Bait and Ice.

The Nelson Ice and Bait Co. of Boothbay Harbor, Me., now have ice at \$2.50 per ton and frozen bait at \$2.00 per hundred weight.

BETTER THAN GOLD.

Canada's Fisheries Outweigh Precious Metal Plus Coal.

Interesting Facts and Figures from the 1905 Report.

The annual report for 1905 of the Marine and Fisheries Department of Canada has been presented to the parliament at Ottawa and contains many important and interesting facts regarding the fisheries of the Dominion.

The total catch of the year, including the fish products, was valued at nearly \$29,000,000, which amount is nearly as great as the value of the combined coal and gold production of the Dominion. The year, in fishery circles, is considered a good one, exceeding the fine showing of 1901 by \$4,000,000.

The year 1905 was the first in the history of the Dominion that the province of Nova Scotia has been ousted from its proud position as the greatest fish producing province of Canada. The province of British Columbia, however, showed the magnificent increase of \$4,631,000 over 1904 and stepped to the head and front of the column.

The following are the fish producing provinces and the value of the fish produced by each: British Columbia, \$9,850,216; Nova Scotia, \$8,259,085; New Brunswick, \$4,847,000; Quebec, \$2,003,716; Ontario, \$1,708,963; Prince Edward Island, \$998,922; Saskatchewan, \$1,811,570.

With the exception of Prince Edward Island, which shows a slight diminution, the other maritime provinces all show a substantial increase in production as compared with the previous year.

The most staple fish were the salmon, lobster, cod, herring, and whiting. Codfish, generally looked upon as being the leader, is in third place as far as value is concerned, the relative values being as follows: Salmon, \$8,989,942; lobsters, \$3,906,998; cod, \$3,421,400; herring, \$2,303,405; whitefish, \$1,051,161. Mackerel, sardines, haddock and pickerel follow in the order named, all having a commercial value over three-quarters of a million dollars for the year.

From the year 1869 to 1905, inclusive, the five principal commercial sea fishes have yielded the following values to the industry: Cod, \$136,043,567; salmon, \$90,933,459; lobsters, \$79,868,626; herring, \$72,565,569; mackerel, \$46,047,244.

During the last fiscal year the fish and fish products exported from Canada to foreign countries amounted to \$16,040,000, being an increase of over \$5,000,000 from the previous year, most of it going to Great Britain and the United States.

Referring to the bait freezer question, the deputy minister of marine in the report for Nova Scotia says that during the year 1905, American and Canadian fishing vessels took 271,823 pounds of frozen bait from the freezer at Canso, N. S., while from the freezer at Halifax, N. S., American vessels took 14,030 pounds.

There were engaged in the fishing industry in Nova Scotia in 1905, 30,779 persons, and the value of the capital invested was \$4,490,897.

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VERY REMARKABLE.

Not an Off Shore Arrival at This Port for a Week.

Poor Fish Weather and Heavy Head Winds the Cause.

The oldest habitue of the water front does not remember a case before where a whole week passed by without a fishing arrival from off shore at this port and yet this is the record, not enviable to be sure, that has been made here this week.

Since last Sunday night, when sch. Lizzie Griffin, from Virgin Rocks, with a fare of salt cod, came in and anchored, not an off shore vessel of any kind, haddock, halibut or herring craft, has poked her nose by Eastern Point.

A few shore boats, which dodge in and out and grab a set, have made port once and a few pollockers with small fares have come in, but a regular offshore trip is yet to be recorded for the week. What these few shore boats and pollockers landed can be reckoned inside of 125,000 pounds, so it is probably the low line record week in Gloucester's fish history.

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AMERICANS LEAD.

Have Most Men and Vessels at Bay of Islands.

Twenty Two Crafts Have Taken Cargoes Thus Far.

Regarding the number of men and vessels employed in the Newfoundland herring fishery at Bay of Islands the present season, a Newfoundland fisheries official there reports to St. John's that there were 43 American, 21 Canadian and 49 Newfoundland herring vessels at Bay of Islands on Dec. 1. The American vessels had on board 476 men shipped in American ports and 529 men shipped outside the Newfoundland three-mile limit.

The Canadians had 230 men shipped in their own ports and 265 shipped at Bay of Islands. The Newfoundland vessels carried 497 men, all shipped in colonial waters. In addition to the foregoing there were 350 shore folk also engaged in the herring fishing.

Thus far in the present season a total of 22 vessels, 10 being American, have sailed from Bay of Islands with cargoes aggregating 30,000 barrel of fish.

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Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Helen G. Wells, shore.
Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Jubilee, shore.
Sch. Valentina, shore.
Sch. Ralph Russell, via Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 50 lbs. haddock, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$5; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kernwood was at Portland yesterday with 3000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Carrie C. was at Portland yesterday for bait.

Sch. Lillian, from Tremont, with cured fish for this port, was at Portland yesterday.

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ALL MADE PUBLIC.

Correspondence of Diplomats on Recent Modus Vivendi.

Lord Elgin Emphatic in Views of Newfoundland's Position.

A London despatch of Saturday says: "The correspondence between the state department at Washington and the foreign office here and that between Newfoundland and the colonial office, detailing the circumstances leading to the establishment of the fisheries modus vivendi, was published here today. While the tone is conciliatory, it shows that a wide chasm remains to be bridged.

"The despatches began in October, 1905, with letters from Secretary Root to Ambassador Durand, dated October 12 and October 19, asking for an early interview on the subject of the fisheries and explaining at length the United States' views of her treaty rights, and urging that Great Britain take steps to secure the repeal of the Newfoundland laws conflicting therewith.

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"Foreign Secretary Grey on February 2 last, through Ambassador Reid, dealt at length with Mr. Root's observations, and said he regretted that he was unable to assent thereto without important qualifications. Mr. Reid notified Secretary Gray July 20 that Mr. Root disagreed with several of his views, and added:

"I am instructed to ask for such action as will prevent any interference on any ground by officers of the Newfoundland government with American fishermen when they go to exercise their treaty rights on the Newfoundland coast during the approaching fishing season."

"Secretary Grey, replying August 14, said he observed, 'with much regret that the wide divergence in the views of the two governments disclosed by the correspondence makes it hopeless to expect an immediate settlement,' but he was ready to confer with the United States government with the view of arranging a modus vivendi, applicable only to the ensuing season.

"On September 12, Mr. Reid wrote Secretary Grey to the effect 'that the government of the United States hears with the greatest concern that the divergence of views renders an immediate settlement impossible, and suggesting the terms of the modus vivendi. These were accepted by Secretary Grey September 25 whereupon Mr. Reid was authorized to ratify them.

"All the communication of the state department to the foreign office were forwarded by the colonial office to the Newfoundland government. The secretary for the colonies, Lord Elgin, repeatedly urged a modification and a holding in abeyance of the Newfoundland ordinances to which objection was taken, and unequivocally notified the Newfoundland ministers that he was unable to assent to their view that the enforcement of the fishing act of 1906 was a matter of purely local concern, and insisted strongly on the right of the imperial government to intervene in questions touching the relations of the British empire with foreign states.

"In the last communication published, Newfoundland was still deprecating the arrangement consenting to the use of purse seines and the engagement of local fishermen for work on American boats."

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THE SPELL BROKEN.

One Off-Shore Vessel Reached Here This Morning.

Was British Craft with Fare of Salt Herring.

The spell which has hung over Gloucester harbor for the past week was broken this morning about 8 o'clock, when the British sch. Ethel arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1500 barrels of salt herring, being the first off-shore arrival since a week ago last night.

A big fleet of the market fishing boats came in yesterday and this forenoon, but very few of them had any fish.

Boston, like Gloucester, had a touch of the fish famine, not having an arrival from Friday to this morning. Fifteen sail of the shore fleet are at T wharf today, and altogether they have about enough to make one decent off shore trip. The fares were eagerly taken up at fancy figures, haddock bring from seven to eight cents a pound, while cod brought from 5 1-2 to 6 1-2 cents, hake from 4 to 5 1-2 cents and pollock 3 1-2 cents per pound.

The weather has been and now holds so bad that it is about impossible for the boats to get a set.